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SUBJECT: SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONS

1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY ION BISTREANU TOLD
JAPANESE DIPLOMAT MAY 15 THAT RECLUSIVE DPRK DIPLOMATS
IN MOSCOW HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS OF
SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONS TO ROMANIANS.

-- DPRK AMBASSADOR IS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE
SOVIETS VIRTUALLY IGNORE HIM IN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
WITH DPRK. (NOTE: IT IS COMMON PRACTICE FOR SOVIETS
WHEN POSSIBLE TO WORK THROUGH THEIR OWN EMBASSIES ABROAD
RATHER THAN EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW. END NOTE.)

-- SOVIETS GO TOO FAR IN CONSIDERING DPRK-CHINESE RELA-
TIONS WHEN DETERMINING THEIR POLICY TOWARD PYONGYANG.
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PYONGYANG WANTS TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH BOTH, BUT THE
SOVIETS ARE SO "DOGMATIC" ABOUT CHINA THAT THIS IS DIFFI-
CULT, PARTICULARLY FOR SMALLER "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

-- KIM IL-SONG WILL VISIT MOSCOW THIS YEAR. THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR THE VISIT WILL BE TOWARD
THE END OF THE YEAR. THE NORTH KOREANS EXPECT THAT THE

SOVIETS WILL ANNOUNCE MORE ECONOMIC AID DURING THE VISIT.
-- NORTH KOREANS ARE PRESSING THE SOVIETS TO AGREE TO
A RECIPROCAL VISIT BY BREZHNEV IN THE SPRING OR SUMMER
OF NEXT YEAR. PYONGYANG EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO
KRUSHCHEV DURING KIM'S 1961 VISIT TO MOSCOW AND THE
SOVIETS ACCEPTED. THIS INVITATION WAS LATER RENEWED
TO BREZHNEV AND ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE. NORTH KOREA'S
HIGHEST ORDER WAS GIVEN TO BREZHNEV ON HIS SEVENTIETH
BIRTHDAY AND IT IS STILL AWAITING PRESENTATION. FOR
FELLOW SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THIS IS UNUSUAL. EVEN
GROMYKO -- WHO IS VERY COOL TOWARD THE DPRK PERSONALLY --
AVOIDS VISITING PYONGYANG.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION IS THIRD HAND, WE PASS
IT ON TO ADDRESSEES IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY OF ACQUIRING
ANY INFORMATION FROM MOSCOW-BASED DPRK DIPLOMATS, WHO
SELDOM VENTURE INTO THE DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT. TOON

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